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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for automatic recording, the method comprising the steps of:
~~registering at least one scheduler to give said scheduler permission to make scheduled recordings on behalf of a recipient;~~
receiving a request, from a said at least one scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for a said recipient; and
issuing a command to record the program for the recipient if the recipient has authorized the scheduler to schedule a ~~recording~~ recordings on behalf of the recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining if the scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of determining if a scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient further comprises the step of determining if the scheduler matches an entry in a buddy list of registered schedulers.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of determining if the scheduler matches an entry in a buddy said list of registered schedulers further comprises the step of determining if a scheduler identification matches one of a plurality of identifications in the buddy list of registered schedulers.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of determining if the scheduler matches an entry in a buddy said list of registered schedulers further comprises the step of determining if a scheduler personalized television recorder identification matches one of a plurality of identifications in the buddy list of registered schedulers.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:
registering the recipient;
~~registering the scheduler;~~ and
creating a buddy list for the recipient, the buddy list comprising at least one entry, each entry determining a person allowed to authorize schedule recordings on a personalized television recorder owned by the recipient.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the steps of receiving, determining, and issuing are performed by a service provider.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of accepting a monetary amount, and wherein the step of issuing further comprises the step of issuing a command to record the program for the recipient when the scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient and when the monetary amount meets a predetermined amount.
9. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the steps of receiving, determining, and issuing are performed by a personalized television recorder.
10. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein:
the step of determining if a scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient further comprises the step of determining if the recipient matches an entry in a buddy list, wherein each entry in the buddy list has paid to be on the list; and
the step of issuing a command to record the program for the recipient when the scheduler is authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient further comprises the step of issuing a command, by a service provider, to a scheduler personalized television recorder to allow a recipient personalized television recorder to retrieve a recorded program from the scheduler personalized television recorder when the recipient matches an entry in the buddy list.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of the recipient personalized television recorder retrieving the recorded program from the scheduler personalized television recorder.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of the scheduler personalized television recorder transmitting the recorded program to the recipient personalized television recorder.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of informing one or more of the scheduler and the recipient that the command has been issued.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of informing one or more of the scheduler and the recipient in response to the scheduler not being authorized to schedule a recording for the recipient.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving the issued command;
determining if a conflict exists between the command and a previously entered recording request; and
rejecting the command when a conflict exists.

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16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving the issued command;
determining if a conflict exists between the command and a program being watched; and
rejecting the command in response to an existing conflict.
17. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
a memory that stores computer-readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the processor configured to implement
the computer-readable code, the computer-readable code configured to:
receive a request, from a scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient;
and
issue a command to record the program for the recipient if ~~the recipient has authorized~~
~~the scheduler is a registered scheduler~~ to schedule a recording, wherein the scheduler and the
recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices.
18. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer-readable medium having computer-readable code means embodied thereon,
said computer-readable program code means comprising:
a step to receive a request, from a scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for a
recipient; and
issue a command to record the program for the recipient if ~~the recipient has authorized~~
~~the scheduler is a registered scheduler~~ to schedule a recording, wherein the scheduler and the
recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices.
19. (Currently amended) A system for person-to-person scheduling and notification of
automatic program recording for personalized television, the system comprising:
means for receiving a request, from a scheduler, to schedule a recording of a program for
a recipient; and
means for issuing a command to record the program for the recipient if ~~the recipient has~~
~~authorized the scheduler is a registered scheduler~~ to schedule a recording, wherein the scheduler
is a first person operating a first personalized television device and the recipient is a second
person operating a second personalized television device.
20. (Currently amended) A method performed on a recorder capable of recording programs,
the method comprising the steps of:
receiving an instruction from a scheduler to schedule a recording of a program for a
recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate
personalized television devices; and
recording the program if ~~the recipient has authorized~~ the scheduler ~~is a registered~~
~~scheduler~~ to schedule a recording.

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21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein:
the step of receiving an instruction from a the registered scheduler to schedule a recording of a program for a the recipient further comprises the steps of:
 the scheduler requesting the recording of the program; and
 determining if the scheduler is authorized to schedule the recording for a the recipient; and
 the step of recording the program further comprises the step of recording the program when the scheduler is authorized to schedule the recording for the recipient.
22. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
 a memory that stores computer-readable code; and
 a processor operatively coupled to the memory, the processor configured to implement the computer-readable code, the computer-readable code configured to:
 receive an instruction from a scheduler to schedule a recording of a program for a recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices; and
 record the program if the recipient has authorized the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording.
23. (Currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:
 a scheduler selecting a program for a recipient, wherein the scheduler and the recipient are different individuals operating separate personalized television devices;
 forming an instruction suitable to allow recording of the program if the recipient has authorized the scheduler is a registered scheduler to schedule a recording; and
 transmitting the instruction.